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Dear Mr. Strimbu.

July 10, 2003 I filed a CIP Express Mail No. EF198629990US The new case number issued to this case is 10/616,568. October 3, 2003 at 2:56 I called and left a message on your voice mail to see if you had received the new CIP application and asked if there was any progress with regard to said application.

On October 6, 2003 at 10:53 you left a message that you had not received any information of the new CIP but when you did you would call me and see if we could dispose of this case. Today is December 23, 2003 I have heard nothing from you or the patent department. The clock is running this case was filed August 13, 1997 and a Provisional Patent filed October 22, 1996.

In October 2004 there will only be twelve years left on this patent. Seven years of this patent have already expired I feel it is time this patent should be issued. I would appreciate any help you can give in disposing of this case.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS